

SPORTS



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(Left) Ricky Wallace, Nads outfielder, eyes a pitch he is about to knock into the outfield during a game against Support Bn. at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 29. The Nads blasted several other hits into the outfield for a 12-2 victory. (Below left) Jonathan Jones, Support Bn. third baseman, makes a quick tag at third to stop the Nads short-stop Dennis Ranahan. Support Bn. put forth their best effort, even though they were short a few players, due to leave and TAD.

Nads annihilate Support Bn. 12-2



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After five innings of play, the Nads defeated Support Bn. 12-2 during Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Intramural Softball League action at the Parris0 Island Sports Complex April 29.

The Nads rode the momentum of an early in-the-park homerun all the way to victory over the shorthanded Support Bn. team.

“I thought we would have a hard time coming up with a win,” said David Seymore, coach/player of Support Bn. “A lot of our players are [Temporary Assigned Duty] ... just about all of our good hitters are gone right now, so it’s tough to come up with runs.”

Ricky Wallace, Nads’ outfielder, also commented on his opponent’s lack of hitting abilities.

“They had trouble making con-

tact,” Wallace said. “It cost them the game. You have to make hits to win ball games.”

The Nads kept pressure on Support Bn. the entire game, grabbing a five-run lead by the end of the second inning. A combination of good hits and tough defense allowed them to dominate almost the entire match-up, with the exception of the last inning.

Support Bn. began making great contact with the ball and sent in their second run of the game, but it was too little and too late to beat the solid all-around play of the Nads.

Although it was quite a win for the Nads, Wallace felt they could improve.

“It’s great we won, but I think we could have done even better,” he said. “We had a couple errors that shouldn’t have been made.”

Seymore feels strong about the abilities of his team and believes they will be a competitor again

once the whole team is back together.

“Our defense was definitely there,” he said. “It was our offense that hurt us ... we just couldn’t come up with the hits we needed. I think if we would have had our whole team on the field, we would have beat them.”

Medical outshoots Weapons, 18-10

Exciting intramural softball action continued April 29, as Medical picked apart a short-handed Weapons team after seven innings, to win the contest 18-10.

Medical had the edge with a full, healthy lineup and had no problems putting runs on the board, as they nickel-and-dimed their way to victory with a solid string of base hits throughout the entire game.

The once powerful Weapons,

who were missing several players due to leave and injury, put forth a valiant effort, but failed to gain a toe hold late in the game, as Medical widened the gap for a more commanding lead.

Robert Propes, Medical coach, whose team record is currently 7-2, said he goes into each game with the utmost confidence in his team, no matter who the opponent is.

“We play as a team, that’s why we win,” Propes said. “We really have no stand out players that we can’t do without — we all collectively play a part in our victories. The scores speak for themselves. We beat Weapons because we play as a team.”

Propes said his team goes into each game the same way — not thinking about records, but just thinking about scoring runs and making the plays.

“As long as you play solid ball, you’ll always come out on top,” he concluded.

Golf tournament raises money for scholarships

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The Parris Island Officer’s Spouses’ Club hosted its 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament April 30 at the Legends of Parris Island Golf Course.

Thirty, four-man teams participated in the event, not just to get a day off work, but to help raise money for the club’s merit scholarships fund.

“The tournament was held in the spirit of fun and charity,” said Dawn White, activities chair for the tournament. Proceeds from the tournament are used to award merit scholarships to [family members] of personnel stationed aboard the Depot and dependents of retired personnel in the local area.”

“We will award the scholarships in May,” said White. “Last year PIOSC donated \$5,000 in scholarships and approximately \$4,000 to a variety of charity organizations.”

The money raised is a direct reflection of the efforts put into the event, not just from the PIOSC, but also from area sponsors.

“It wouldn’t have been possible without our sponsors,” said White. “They have gone a long way in support of the event.”

Those sponsors helped the tournament acquire a wide variety of quality door prizes as well as prizes for the top-placed teams in the tournament.

The team of Mike Kaneshige, maintenance chief for the Combat Visual Information Center, Lt. Col. Keith Cieri, commanding officer, 1st RTBn. Lt. Col.

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Michael Bowersox, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for recruiting, and Chief Warrant Officer Jesus Espinoza, personnel officer, 6th MCD, led the field of competitors with a 13-under-par 59. They received a free round of golf at the Bray’s Island Country Club in Sheldon.

Even though everyone was afforded the opportunity to win prizes, no one won the dream prizeof a brand new sport utility vehicle. However, the spirit of the tournament was not lost by the competitors and those who hosted the event.

“It is a great thing to have, as it helps out dependents as well as helping out in town,” said Maj. Rob O’Day, provost marshal.

“It is a good time to get out there with co-workers and take an afternoon off with no pressure,” continued O’Day. “When you play best ball, it’s easy to pick up each other’s strengths and not worry so much about your weaknesses. We can just have fun and that’s what it is all about.”

While most people had fun during the event and the motivation of prizes stayed in the back of everyone’s mind, the event’s true importance remained the

scholarships.

“It makes me feel great, because it is for a very worthy cause that will further someone’s higher education in the long run,” said Lain Smith, golf course manager and PGA professional. “We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. It will be interesting to see the results because I set the course up a little bit tougher than normal.”

Although the course played tougher than usual, players looked at it as a necessary challenge.

“That is the toughest pin placement that they have had in a tournament there,” said Kaneshige, “I think that it is good to make it tough, because you shouldn’t just be able to run away with a tournament.”

The difficult pin placement could not dampen the spirits of the competitors involved in the tournament.

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Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Strickroth, chief investigator for the Criminal Investigation Division, chips during the Parris Island Officers’ Spouses Club 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament April 30. The PIOSC is a non-profit organization whose proceeds go to national and local charities, as well as college scholarships for deserving military-affiliated family members.

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